

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-16 (canceled)

Claim 17. (previously added) An isolated DNA molecule comprising a DNA sequence that encodes a human NIT1 protein, or a fragment thereof having at least 10 nucleotides.

Claim 18 (previously added) The DNA molecule of claim 17 wherein the molecule encodes the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:21.

Claim 19 (currently amended) A The DNA molecule of claim 17 comprising nucleotides 111 to 1086 of SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 20 (currently amended) A DNA molecule of claim 17 consisting of nucleotides 111 to 1086 of SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 21 (previously added) A DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence complementary to at least 10 nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 22 (previously added) The DNA molecule of claim 21 comprising a nucleotide sequence complementary to at least 10 nucleotides of nucleotides 111 to 1086 of SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 23 (previously added) A DNA molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence complementary to at least 10 nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 24 (previously added) The DNA molecule of claim 23 consisting of a nucleotide sequence complementary to at least 10 nucleotides of nucleotides 111 to 1086 of SEQ ID NO:1.